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(*d*) whether the Government propose to issue orders for the even distribution of patronage to these types of machines, the only criterion being the quality of the machine and durability ;

(*e*) what is the price of each type of machine supplied by the firms for the use of Government offices ; and

(*f*) which of these types of machines are found to require frequent repairs ?

A.—(*a*) All these typewriters are used in Government offices in the city and in the mufassal.

Particulars of the typewriters supplied to each of the Government offices are not available

(*b*) The machines are purchased with regard to efficiency and economy.

(*c*) A statement is furnished.[a]

(*d*) No.

(*e*) It would not be in the public interest to give this information.

(*f*) None.

Forests

Reorganization of the Forest Department.

* 323 *Q.*—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a questionnaire was issued by the Government to the Chief Conservator of Forests on the question of forest policy and administration ;

(*b*) whether it was issued to any other person or persons ;

(*c*) whether the answers have been received ;

(*d*) what the questionnaire was and what the replies are ; and

(*e*) what action the Government propose to take ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A questionnaire on the work and organization of the Forest department was issued to the Chief Conservator of Forests.

(*c*), (*d*) & (*e*) The replies received from him are now under consideration. The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 189 asked by Mr. J. A. Saldanha.

Jails

Manufacture of yarn required for jail purposes in jails.

* 324 *Q.*—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has received the report he has called for from the Inspector-General of Prisons regarding the possibility of making all the yarn required for jail purposes in the jails ;

(*b*) if it has been received, what it is ; and

(*c*) what action he has taken or proposes to take in the matter ?

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A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The Inspector-General's report has been received. He says that with the existing machinery, it will be possible to supply jails with all the yarn required for jail purposes except 6's count. He adds that in due course it should be possible to supply the department's requirements in this count also.

Inams

Grant of villages to Colla Cunniah Chetti's choultries.

* 325 Q.—Mr. C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government have granted two villages to the choultries built by Colla Cunniah Chetti and if so, for what purpose and under what conditions?

A.—If the hon. Member will say where these choultries are, the information required by him will be obtained.

Landlord and tenant

Introduction of the Malabar Tenancy Bill.

* 326 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Malabar Tenancy Bill will be introduced; and

(*b*) the reasons for the delay?

A.—(*a*) The Bill was introduced in the Council on 6th August 1929.

(*b*) The Government considered it desirable that the report of the Tenancy Committee and the Bill appended to it should be carefully considered in consultation with representatives of the janmis and the tenants after the public generally had had full opportunity of studying them. After the Bill had been amended in the light of the criticisms made on it, the sanction of His Excellency the Governor-General had to be obtained for its introduction and this was received at the end of July 1929.

Land Revenue

Kudimaramat in Cumbum and Markapur taluks.

* 327 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state in view of answers given to question No. 529 on 11th October 1928 regarding kudimaramat in Cumbum and Markapur taluks whether he will get the information asked for in (*a*) to (*e*) of that question?

A.—Information was called for and a report has been received but it has been found necessary to call for further information on certain points.